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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on October 16, 2003, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Notice of Reason for Refusal that was mailed on August 16, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-219380, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-139942 A;
- (2) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 11-342135 A; and
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 11-113918.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reason for Refusal.

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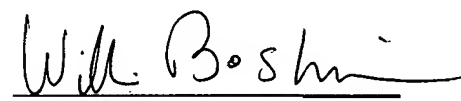
generated language translations thereof, are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Refusal, including an English language translation thereof, is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicant has included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicant furthermore certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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